

NEBRASKA NEWS

JOHN HAMLIN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.

A FIRST DEGREE VERDICT

Jury Imposes the Death Sentence on Man Who in Jealous Rage Shot His Sweetheart to Death—Other News.

The jury in the case of John Hamlin, accused of the murder of Rachel Engle, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree and imposing the death penalty. The trial has been in progress at Grand Island and interest has been intense. Miss Engle was shot in the back by Hamlin last August, which she, her brother and others were on their way to an entertainment. Hamlin was in love with the girl and was jealous of her. The bullet which he fired injured the girl's spine and though she lived until January, she finally succumbed to her injuries. Hamlin was captured in an adjoining county a couple of days later. He was, after the death of the girl, arraigned and plead guilty to the charge of murder, but this plea was afterward withdrawn. District Judge Hanna, finding that he could not impose sentence for murder upon a man who had not been tried.

UNION PACIFIC MAKES MONEY.

Report Filed With the State Board of Equalization.

The Union Pacific railroad has filed with the state board of equalization its statement of earnings and general condition for the year ending December 31, 1906. The statement reveals that the railroad has been making money though the operating expenses have been much larger and the earnings of the Nebraska lines show up with a deficit. The gross earnings of the entire road were \$16,311,936.95 in 1906 as against \$14,130,833.84 in 1905. Operating expenses in Nebraska were \$9,276,257.34 in 1906 as against \$7,098,132.15 in 1905. The net earnings per mile were \$7,317.40 in 1906 as against \$7,314.30 in 1905.

On a capital stock of \$395,049,200, the dividends of the system including 961.50 miles were \$10,532,155 last year as against \$11,087,014.50 in 1905.

The road declares that the Kearney branch was operated at a deficit of \$200.95 per mile while the Omaha and Republican Valley branches were operated at a deficit of \$161.75 per mile during the year.

Last year the average assessment per mile of main line and branch lines was \$60,500 per mile.

To Meet Burlington Fares.

The Missouri Pacific railway has asked the state railway commission for permission to meet the short line rate of the Burlington between Lincoln and Falls City.

The request was wired by Passenger Traffic Manager H. C. Townsend of the road, and recited that the fare between Lincoln and Falls City via the Missouri Pacific is \$2.08 and via the Burlington it is \$1.86. The request to meet this competition was made by wire and an immediate answer was desired. An answer was wired by the commission granting the request with the provision that a greater sum should not be charged for the shorter hauls to intermediate points. It is understood that the Missouri Pacific intends making this effective the first of the month.

Boy is Brought Home.

Bringing little Oswald Koeppen with him, but leaving the father of the boy in jail at Breckenridge, Minn., where he was apprehended by the authorities as he hurried north to the Canadian border, Constable Roy Cook arrived in Fremont. Mrs. Koeppen came down from Snyder to meet her son and there was an affecting little scene at the union passenger station when she took the little fellow in her arms. It has been over eighteen months since Mrs. Koeppen has been able to see her son. During that time he was kept by his father, who hurried away with him when he learned that the court had given Mrs. Koeppen her decree of divorce and the custody of the children. Koeppen at once started for Canada.

Fullerton Post Sold.

The Fullerton Post has changed editors and proprietors twice during April. The first of the month Ben Curia sold the plant to Robert Adams, a former owner, and after two issues of the paper he again disposed of the paper to ex-County Treasurer John R. Doff of Atchinson county, Missouri. Mr. Doff is already in the field and last week issued his first number. The paper will continue to be straight republican in politics.

TO TEST ANTI-PASS LAW.

Friendly Suit Brought in a Case County Court.

A friendly action to test the anti-pass law, recently enacted by the state legislature, was filed by County Attorney Rawls in Justice Archer's court at Plattsmouth. The defendant to the action is Judge A. N. Sullivan, and he is charged with accepting a pass from the Missouri Pacific Railway company—the pass having been tendered to him as the local attorney for the company.

A warrant was duly served on Mr. Sullivan, and that gentleman appeared before the court, waived preliminary examination, and was bound over to the district court. By this action it is sought to settle the question as to whether attorneys or physicians employed not more than half of the time by railroads can legally accept passes from such roads. The law merely permits bona fide employes to ride upon passes and designates these as persons who are occupied for a major portion of their time in the service of the railroads.

KILLED IN A TRENCH.

Scott Miner Covered by Cave-in Near Tekamah.

While pulling tiling through the back of the Peterson trench about seven miles north of Tekamah, Scott Miner was killed by the excavated dirt slipping into the trench covering him with over three feet of gumbo. Robert Palmantier was working with him at the time but had crawled out of the trench upon the bank a few minutes before the accident happened. He heard Miner yell as the dirt commenced to slide and immediately started to dig him out. He couldn't succeed in time.

CARS THROWN FROM TRACK.

Wreck of Burlington North-bound Train Near Leshera.

The Burlington north-bound train was wrecked a mile east of Leshera, Neb., thrown from the rails by a broken flange. The train ran for 100 yards on the ties cutting them up, and finally the tender rolled into the ditch and the baggage car tipped over. All of the cars left the track. The passengers were brought to Fremont on the south-bound train which ran to the point of the wreck and returned. No one was seriously hurt.

Booming Town of Rosalie.

The Rosalie Townsite company has been incorporated. Frank B. Rhoda, John F. Piper, Frassher L. Cook, Geo. C. Maryott and Harry L. Keefe are named as incorporators. Rosalie is a new town on the B. & M., and Great Northern connection between Lincoln and Sioux City, located in Thurston county, in a fine farming district. The town now has two grain elevators, a bank and several other business establishments. Another elevator will be built immediately and a lumber yard established. The townsite company will push the town to the front and it already offers excellent inducements in many lines.

No Effect on Nebraska.

A telegram sent out from Washington to the effect that the commissioner of the general land office had issued instructions to registers and receivers and local land offices permitting the various states to select school land in lieu of the land in the forest reserves has occasioned numerous inquiries at the office of Land Commissioner Eaton. Nebraska has considerable land in the forest reserves in this state, but there will be no other land taken in lieu of this. At this time Nebraska has about 120 acres coming to it from the government, but that is all. The land included in the forest reserves and belonging to the state and leased is being used by the lessees, who have permission to go to and from the land at will.

Lay Corner Stone of Church.

The corner-stone to St. Michael's Catholic church was laid by Bishop Scannell of Omaha in the presence of a large gathering of people from all sections of that part of the state. The dedicatory address was delivered by Rev. Father Harrington of Omaha. When completed the building will be the finest in that part of Nebraska.

Imposes Occupation Tax.

The city council of University Place has passed an ordinance imposing an occupation tax on telephone companies, making the tax \$100 per year for each system operated within its borders and \$25 for a toll station. The council of that city is contemplating building a large water reservoir or system for emergency use.

Two Wedding Anniversaries.

In honor of the sixtieth wedding anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Richards of Edgar, a large number of relatives and friends surprised them. About 150 relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robb to help them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

CAPITAL CITY CHAT

RAILROADS ANNOUNCE THAT RATES WILL BE CHANGED.

NOTIFY THE COMMISSION

Will in the Future Make Rates on Their Interstate Travel Conform to Local Tariff Schedule—Other Lincoln Gossip.

Roads Make Announcement.

The state railway commission has received an intimation that both the Burlington and Northwestern railroads will in the near future make their rates on interstate travel conform to the local tariff schedules. The information was announced several days ago unofficially, but the matter has been conveyed to the commission in such a form that they believe they are safe in relying upon it. This will leave the Union Pacific undecided, but the belief is that this road also, will join with other Nebraska lines and adjust the schedule of charges.

Monthly Report Forms.

The railroad commission has drawn up blank forms for railroad agents at all stations to use in making a monthly report of business as follows:

Freight forwarded—Number cars of wheat; number cars of corn; number cars of other grain and grain products; number cars of live stock, east and west; all other cars forwarded; weight in pounds, all less than car lots, merchandise; weight in pounds, all car load lots; total amount line charges, less than car load lots; total amount line charges, car load lots.

Freight received—Number cars of lumber; number cars of lime, cement and sand; number cars of other building material; number cars of grain and grain products; number cars of coal, hard and soft; number cars of live stock; all other car loads received; total weights in pounds all merchandise, less than car load lots; total weight in pounds merchandise received, car load lots; total amount line charges, less than car load lots; total amount line charges, car load lots.

Ticket sales for month—Total amount sold to state points; total amount sold to interstate points.

This report must be made up not later than the 7th of the month succeeding that for which it is issued and mailed to the railway commission, Lincoln, Neb.

The commission has decided to demand a weekly report from railroad officials at division points showing the number of cars on hand and their location.

This will be done to prevent car shortage.

Commission to Work.

When the railway commission this week takes up the matter of considering complaints it will have one of the biggest tasks on hand that it has as yet tackled. It has served notice that the railroads which desire to discuss the matter of rates with the commission may be on hand and has also asked that any persons with complaints to register may appear. It is likely that matters already formally complained against will be taken up first. The commission is waiting for an opinion on the interstate phase of the two-cent fare in Nebraska in view of the decision of the United States supreme court reversing a long line of other decisions in this respect. If the commission is to enforce the two-cent fare law as it affects western Nebraska, it may be obliged to take a case into the courts on its own motion or it is possible that the authority granted in the North Carolina case decided recently by the United States supreme court, giving almost unlimited power to a railroad commission empowered to "regulate" railroads, may be sufficient to force the railroads to comply with the spirit of the law in Nebraska.

As to Pure Food Law.

A letter was sent to the secretary of state recently asking whether it was a violation of the law to include in a package of oatmeal a dish. The new law provides that any premium given with a package is not permissible and the applicant sought to ascertain whether it would be adjudged a premium if a dish were placed in a package out of the goodness of the hearts of the manufacturers. The secretary of state did not know and he sought to refer the matter to the attorney general but the legal department was at the time busily engaged in finding out some other questions of vital interest to the state at large and if anything is done, it will be by the manufacturer engaging eminent counsel and testing the law in the courts of the commonwealth.

Receipts Are Large.

The balance sheet of the state treasurer's office for April discloses the largest receipts of which there is record in recent years. The business at the close of last year was large but the receipts of April, amounting to \$875,891.52 discount them by many thousands of dollars. The increase is due largely to the payment of railroad taxes under the decision of the supreme court of the United States. The funds on hand April 30, including all moneys of whatever description, totaled \$726,212.48. This sum is large because it contains \$367,643.34 of the temporary school fund which this month will be distributed among the various counties. It has been in process of collection for the past six months. The institutions' cash fund is newly created by the act of the last legislature and is rapidly increasing.

Raises Taxation Problem.

Tax Commissioner A. S. Dudley, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway has written a letter to the state board of equalization in which he asks for a reduction of the road's valuation in the state of Nebraska because it has only "trackage rights" over the Union Pacific in entering Omaha from Iowa. He finds that the Rock Island road, while it has track in Nebraska, is not assessed on its "trackage rights" from South Omaha to the union station in Omaha and asks why there is discrimination. He does not enter formal protest; but declares that there is good cause for a reduced valuation on the part of the Nebraska board.

Re-districting for the Insane.

The board of public lands and buildings held a meeting at which the superintendents of the insane asylums appeared and asked for a re-districting of the state with regard to the caring for insane patients. Heretofore the Hastings hospital has been an institution for the care of chronic insane, but the legislature passed a law removing the word "chronic" from the title of the institution under which it will be possible for the Adams county hospital to care for insane persons of all classes. The state board decided to let the superintendents of the hospitals make recommendations for re-districting the state and will adopt it in all probability. One division suggested and which will probably go through is that the Hastings asylum care for all the insane coming from the territory west of a line drawn on the westline of Saline county and running to the Platte and thence to the west line of Merrick county and to the northern boundary of Nebraska. The Lincoln asylum will care for all insane east of this line and south of the Platte and including those from Douglas county, while the Norfolk institution will care for those north of the Platte and east of the line marking off the territory for the Hastings asylum.

Reappoints Superintendents.

Governor Sheldon re-appointed Drs. J. T. Hay, G. A. Young and W. B. Kern, as superintendents of the insane hospitals at Lincoln, Norfolk and Hastings respectively. He also appointed Dr. J. G. Muir of Milford, as physician at the soldiers' and sailors' home at Milford and re-appointed Dr. W. K. Loughridge as physician at the Milford industrial home for women. The appointment of the heads of the insane hospitals is made under the provisions of the new law, S. F. No. 28, which specifies that the superintendents are to be named for a term not to exceed six years.

Bids Defective.

At the meeting of the state board of education held at Peru, a bid received for the new heating plant at the school was found to be incomplete and of such a nature that it was rejected. It was made on plans drawn by the Peru engineer. Plans will be drawn by an architect and will be available at an early date at the office of the state superintendent. Another meeting of the state board will be held on May 10.

Capitol Callers.

Representative J. W. Armstrong, M. T. Harrison, Former Representative Herbert Howe, Dr. Tyler of Auburn and Former County Attorney F. Fernau of Auburn were at the capitol recently.

Dr. Tyler is Candidate.

Dr. Tyler of Auburn is a candidate for membership of the state board of education. The term of T. J. Majors will expire on June 21 and at that time the governor will be called upon to name his successor. Nemaha county politics was always quite a little aroused over the mention of the name of Colonel Majors and it is probable that the occasion of Mr. Majors' leaving the board will not be bewailed at least by a few of the politicians in Southeastern Nebraska. It is said that a desire exists to secure the selection of a member of the board from a town outside Peru so that local politics may not enter into any of the school affairs.

DOMINGO GAINS

ISLAND REPUBLIC DRAWS UP A NEW AGREEMENT.

CONGRESS RATIFIES TREATY

Nation Has More Cash to Her Credit Than at Any Former Time in Her History—Uncle Sam Now at the Helm.

The new treaty between the United States and Santo Domingo, intended to replace the treaty which has been pending before the United States senate for the last two years, was ratified by the Dominican congress May 3d.

The Dominican treaty marks a new departure in the relations of the United States to the smaller republics of the western hemisphere, for, in the case of Santo Domingo, the United States now becomes legally a trustee in a financial sense and in the discharge of its new duties must go so far in the preservation of order and the accompanying discouragement of revolutions as is incident to the control of the customs houses and the collections of the republic's revenues.

The treaty really has its birth in a revolution. While the American government was pressing for a settlement of the claims of its citizens against Santo Domingo in December, 1904, President Morales, being beset by revolutionists, in the hope of securing the moral support of the United States entered into an agreement with Captain Dillingham of the American navy, under the terms of which the Dominican customs houses were to be occupied by the Americans and the foreign indebtedness of the country discharged from the receipts. Rejected at Washington, this agreement gave place March 1, 1905, to a modus vivendi, which has operated up to this time. This placed an American collector in charge and provided for the deposit in New York of 55 per cent of the customs receipts for the benefit of Dominican creditors. The modus vivendi did not save Morales from political destruction, for he was overthrown and deported by the revolutionists and his vice-president, General Caceres, installed as president. But the modus vivendi did result very beneficially so far as the little republic's finances were concerned. Not only did it lead to the deposit in New York of \$3,000,000, which will now be placed to the credit of the Dominican government, but that government has had more available money during the period of operation of the modus vivendi than at any other time in its history. This state of affairs resulted from a more economical administration, the suppression of smuggling and the encouragement of business.

The Dominican government also finds itself in possession of four fine coast guard cutters built in the United States and forming an effective force for the protection of the customs revenue and available for all public uses.

WAR ON THE COMIC SECTION.

International Kindergarten Union of New York Favors Abolishment.

A campaign of education directed against the comic sections of Sunday newspapers was decided upon at today's session of the international kindergarten union. It was voted to provide funds for the distribution of circulars to parents calling upon them to bar the Sunday supplement from their homes. A sub-committee of the best children's writers and artists is to be selected to devise a proper substitute for the comic supplement. Delegates were also urged to request the newspapers of all sections of the country to devote at least a part of a column to the publication of literature wholesome and attractive to children.

MISSOURI WINS IN ORATORY.

Given First Place, With Kansas Second and Illinois Third.

Missouri won first place in the oratorical contest held at Emporia, Kas., May 3rd, by the interstate league of state normal schools. Kansas and second, Illinois third. Missouri was represented by William G. Neet, the subject of whose oration was "Religion—A Vital Factor in the Nation's Development."

Illinois was represented by Miguel Nicado, an eighteen-year-old Filipino, who has been in this country four years. His subject was "First Need of the Filipinos." The other two states represented at the contest were Iowa and Wisconsin.

An Ottawa, Kas., Merchant Dead.

C. D. Crane, for thirty years a dry goods merchant of Ottawa, Kas., died of heart disease.